

mandated by the National Spectrum Strategy (NSS) Implementation Plan. The NSS identified the 18 GHz band as a potential band for expanded Federal and non-Federal satellite operations, consistent with the U.S. position at the 2023 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC–23), which would add space-to-space allocations to this band (among others). Fixed-Satellite Service (FSS) downlink operations are currently authorized in the band. In addition, non-Federal Fixed Service is authorized in the 18.1–18.3 GHz segment of the band. The final report with findings is to be completed by May 2025.

Background. In 2006, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) released the Report and Order rechannelizing the 17.7–19.7 GHz band for Fixed Microwave Services under part 101 of the Commission's rules (71 FR 69039, Nov. 29, 2006) (*18 GHz R&O*). As part of the *18 GHz R&O*, the Commission adopted a revised band plan for the 17.7–18.3 and 19.3–19.7 GHz band, designated a contiguous 600 megahertz block of one way spectrum from 17.7–18.3 GHz for use by multichannel video programming distributors (MVPDs), and protected certain federal earth stations in the FSS (space-to-Earth) in the 17.7–17.8 GHz band. United States federal systems are authorized to operate in the 17.8–20.2 GHz band in accordance with footnote US334 in the United States Table of Frequency Allocations. Coordination between non-federal operations, both terrestrial and satellite, and these federal operations remain in effect.

WRC–23 and 18 GHz. Under Agenda Item 1.17 of WRC–23, the Conference considered appropriate regulatory actions for the provision of inter-satellite links in the frequency bands 11.7–12.7 GHz, 18.1–18.6 GHz, 18.8–20.2 GHz and 27.5–30.0 GHz. During the ITU–R study cycle leading up to the Conference, the United States and other administrations developed extensive sharing and compatibility studies to assess the feasibility of introducing satellite-to-satellite links in the 18 GHz band, among others. Based on these studies, at WRC–23 the United States and other member states of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) supported a common regional proposal to add an inter-satellite service allocation in bands including the 18 GHz band, under certain conditions. WRC–23 ultimately adopted inter-satellite service allocations in the 18 GHz and other bands in the International Table of Frequency Allocations subject to a new Resolution and additional restrictions.

WRC–15 NPRM and 18.142–18.3 GHz. In April 2023, the Commission sought comment on whether it should raise the non-Federal secondary FSS (space-to-Earth) allocation in the 18.142–18.3 GHz band to primary status, *i.e.*, co-equal with the non-Federal primary fixed service allocation in the band (88 FR 67160, Sept. 29, 2023). If adopted, this upgrade of allocation status would provide receiving earth stations with interference protection from later-licensed fixed stations that are used for part 74 and part 101 Multichannel Video Programming Distributor (MVPD) and part 78 cable television relay service (CARS) operations that operate in accordance with the proposed rules in this section.

National Spectrum Strategy. The NSS identifies the 18 GHz band as a band for further study. The NSS Implementation Plan establishes a schedule under which a band study would be completed by February 2025 and a final report issued by May 2025. In order to aid the band study and report preparation, the Bureaus/Offices seek public input on various issues relating to current or potential uses of the 18 GHz band. Specifically, the Bureaus/Offices seek comment on whether the assumptions and analysis on which the WRC–23 decision was based are still valid. Commenters advocating that the NSS band study should be based on different assumptions or analysis should provide detailed technical information describing why they disagree with the previous work and what assumptions they favor and their preferred analysis method. The Bureaus/Offices also seek comment on the use cases operators in the 18 GHz band plan to support and what regulatory changes are needed to implement any allocation changes supported by the record. In addition, the Bureaus/Offices seek comment on whether the separately pending proposal to elevate the non-Federal FSS allocation in the 18.142–18.3 GHz band to primary status would affect a new space allocation in the 18 GHz band. The record developed in response to the *Public Notice* will be publicly available in GN Docket No. 24–248 and shared with the NTIA and other interested agencies.

Federal Communications Commission.

Troy Tanner,

Acting Chief, Office of International Affairs.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–0076, OMB 3060–1181; FR ID 242982]

Information Collections Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission Under Delegated Authority

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before November 8, 2024. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email PRA@fcc.gov and to nicole.ongele@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele, (202) 418–2991.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060–0076.

Title: Common Carrier Annual Employment Report, FCC Form 395.

Form Number: FCC Form 395.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 491 respondents; 491 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response: Annual reporting requirement and recordkeeping requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 303, and 307–310 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Total Annual Burden: 491 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No cost.

Needs and Uses: FCC Report 395, Common Carrier Annual Employment Report, is a data collection mechanism to implement the FCC's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) rules. All common carrier licensees or permittees with sixteen (16) or more full-time employees are required to file the Annual Employment Report. Each common carrier is also obligated to file with this Commission copies of all exhibits, letters, and documents pertaining to all equal employment opportunity statements and annual reports on complaints regarding violations of equal employment provisions of Federal, State, Territorial, or local law. Section 22.321(f), 47 CFR, requires each licensee to maintain these documents for a period of two years. The Annual Employment Report identifies each filer's staff by gender, race, color, and/or national origin in each of ten major job categories. The report and all other EEOC documents are filed with the Commission to detail the applicant's compliance with the Commission's EEO rules. Data from these reports are available online so that users can easily locate data for a particular carrier and/or specific reporting years.

OMB Control Number: 3060–1181.

Title: Study Area Boundary Data Reporting in Esri Shapefile Format, DA 12–1777 and DA 13–282.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 36 respondents; 36 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 24 hours for submitting updates; less than 1 hour for recertification.

Frequency of Response: On occasion and biennially reporting requirements.

Obligation to Respond: Mandatory. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 254(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Total Annual Burden: 576 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$10,714.

Needs and Uses: The Commission uses the study area boundary data collected through 3060–1181 to implement certain universal service reforms. The Universal Service Fund supports the deployment of voice and broadband-capable infrastructure in rural, high cost areas. High-cost support is granted to a carrier based on the characteristics of its “study area,” the geographic area served by an incumbent local exchange carrier within a state. Therefore, complete and accurate study area boundary data are essential for calculating a carrier's costs and expenses, which in turn determine the amount of support that carrier can receive to serve high-cost areas. In December 2012, the Commission submitted a request for emergency preapproval of this collection, which the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) granted on January 23, 2013. On June 12, 2013, the Commission submitted a request for a three-year extension of the collection to July 31, 2016 (78 FR 34382), which OMB approved on July 31, 2013 (78 FR 76312). Initial study area boundaries were submitted in 2013. These maps were submitted via a secure internet-browser web interface developed and maintained by the Commission. If a study area boundary changes, filers are required to submit, via Box, revised boundary data incorporating such changes by March 15 of the year following the change. In addition, all filers are required to recertify their study area boundaries every two years.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

[OMB No. 3064–0162; –0179; –0195]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection Renewal; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The FDIC, as part of its obligations under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the renewal of the existing information collections described below (OMB Control No. 3064–0162; –0179; and –0195).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 8, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to the FDIC by any of the following methods:

- *Agency Website:* <https://www.fdic.gov/resources/regulations/federal-register-publications/>.
- *Email:* comments@fdic.gov. Include the name and number of the collection in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail:* Manny Cabeza (202–898–3767), Regulatory Counsel, MB–3128, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20429.
- *Hand Delivery:* Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 17th Street NW building (located on F Street NW), on business days between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

All comments should refer to the relevant OMB control number. A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the FDIC: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Manny Cabeza, Regulatory Counsel, 202–898–3767, mcabeza@fdic.gov, MB–3128, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposal to renew the following currently approved collection of information:

1. *Title:* Large-Bank Deposit Insurance Programs.

OMB Number: 3064–0162.

Form Number: None.

Affected Public: Insured depository institutions having at least \$2 billion in deposits and at least either: (a) 250,000 Deposit accounts; or (b) \$20 billion in total assets, regardless of the number of deposit accounts (a “covered institution”).

Burden Estimate: